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TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT

THE MAINE JOB SERVICE HAS ISSUED OVER 2,000 CERTIFICATIONS TO MAINE EMPLOYERS THROUGH THE TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.

> "SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAM, THE TAX CREDIT HAS SAVED MAINE EMPLOYERS AN ESTIMATED $6 MILLION," SAYS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR COMMISSIONER WILLIAM R. MALLOY, "AND NOW FURTHER SAVINGS ARE POSSIBLE."

A DIVISION OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, THE JOB SERVICE LOCATES JOBS FOR PEOPLE LOOKING FOR WORK AND PROVIDES EMPLOYERS WITH QUALIFIED APPLICANTS TO MEET THEIR PLACEMENT NEEDS. IN THE PAST YEAR ALONE THE JOB SERVICE PLACED 23,895 PEOPLE IN JOBS, MATCHING THEIR SKILLS WITH SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT.

THE JOB PLACEMENT OBJECTIVE OF THE JOB SERVICE IS ACHIEVED THROUGH A VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES AND SERVICES. THE MAINE JOB BANK PROVIDES STATEWIDE AND LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION TO PEOPLE SEEKING WORK THROUGH ANY OF THE JOB SERVICE LOCAL OFFICES. THE COMPUTERIZED, CATEGORICAL JOB ORDER SYSTEM ALLOWS EMPLOYERS TO CALL IN THEIR JOB OPENINGS THROUGH A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER. THE JOBS ARE THEN LISTED IN OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHERE POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES MAY LEARN OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN FIELDS IN WHICH THEY ARE SKILLED. THE JOB SERVICE THEN SCREENS APPLICANTS FOR THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND DIRECTLY REFERS THOSE WITH SUITABLE SKILLS TO THE EMPLOYER. COUNSELING SERVICES ARE ALSO PROVIDED BY JOB SERVICE OFFICES. APTITUDE AND PERFORMANCE TESTS ARE ADMINISTERED TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL OF INDIVIDUALS LOOKING FOR WORK AND ASSIST THEM IN FINDING SUITABLE WORK TO UTILIZE THAT POTENTIAL.

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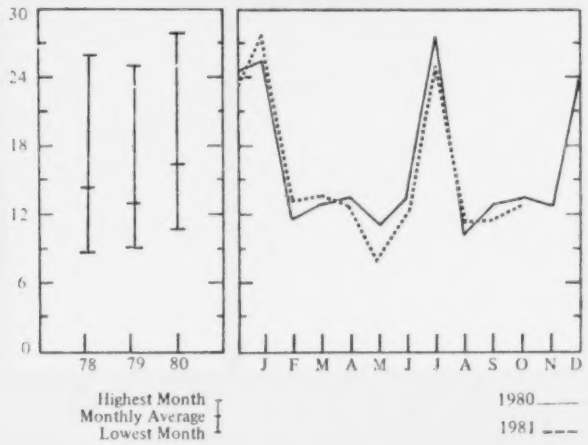
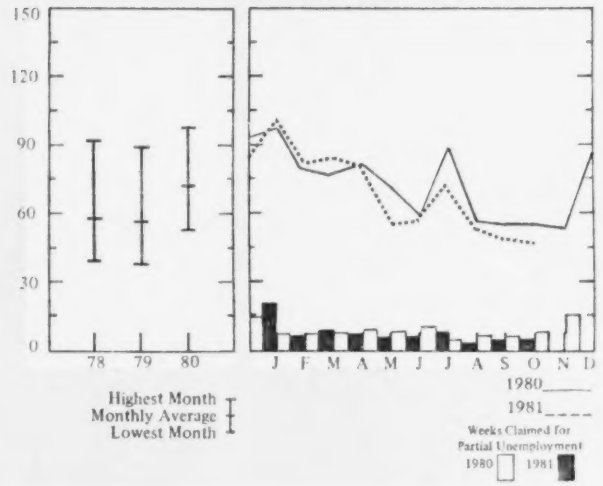
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

in Thousands



Labor Turnover Rates in Maine Manufacturing Industries Per 100 Employee

INDUSTRY TITLE	ACCESSION RATES									SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Recalls			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1981	Aug. 1981	Sep. 1980
Manufacturing	3.8	5.4	5.2	2.7	3.9	3.8	0.8	1.3	1.2	6.5	5.8	6.4	2.7	3.0	3.3	2.9	1.9	2.1
Durable Goods	3.0	3.6	3.9	2.2	2.7	2.4	0.5	0.6	1.0	4.3	3.5	3.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.6	0.6	0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	4.3	4.6	6.6	2.5	3.2	3.3	1.3	0.9	2.4	7.7	6.1	5.5	3.1	3.5	2.9	3.4	1.4	1.4
Metals and Machinery	3.0	3.7	3.1	2.5	2.6	2.6	0.1	0.7	0.2	2.6	2.4	3.0	1.2	1.4	1.9	0.8	0.3	0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	2.4	1.6	1.6	2.2	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.7	2.9	2.3	3.1	1.6	1.5	1.4	0.6	0.1	1.1
Nondurable Goods	4.2	6.4	6.0	2.9	4.6	4.6	1.0	1.6	1.3	7.9	7.2	7.9	3.1	3.5	4.0	3.7	2.7	2.6
Food and Kindred Products	4.8	16.6	10.3	2.9	11.6	6.0	1.9	4.9	4.3	18.0	10.2	21.6	4.2	4.8	6.4	11.7	4.9	14.2
Textile Mill Products	5.6	5.0	4.7	3.4	3.6	3.1	1.4	1.0	1.3	8.3	8.7	7.0	3.2	4.0	3.4	4.3	3.5	2.5
Apparel	6.8	6.0	6.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	1.6	0.9	0.2	5.2	5.3	5.0	3.9	3.2	3.8	0.5	0.0	0.2
Paper and Allied Products	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	3.4	2.9	3.2	1.9	2.2	2.3	0.7	0.0	0.1
Leather and Leather Products	5.2	7.6	8.0	3.8	5.2	7.1	1.2	2.2	0.7	8.7	10.0	6.4	3.9	4.3	4.8	3.8	4.7	0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.2	6.4	3.8	3.4	4.1	0.6	0.7	2.2	5.6	5.3	5.4	2.3	2.7	3.2	2.3	1.6	1.2

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	208.3	212.4	209.9
Unemployed	13.9	15.8	16.7
(Percent)	6.7	7.4	8.0
Resident Employed	194.4	196.6	193.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0

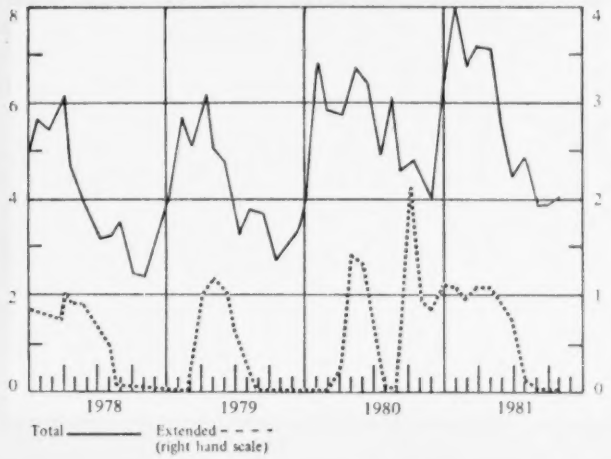
1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

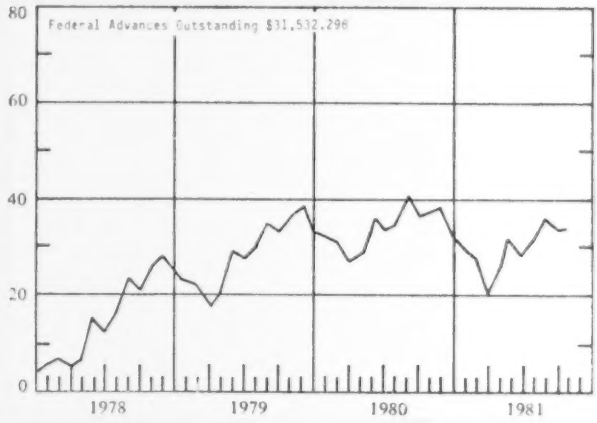
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

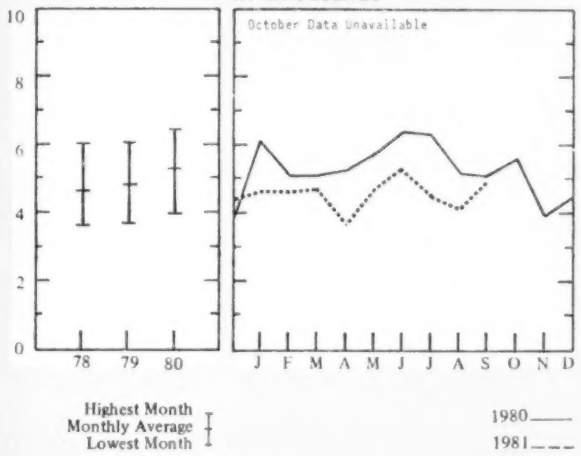
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	419.5	423.6	426.3	95.3	94.0	93.9	34.5	34.2	35.6
Total Manufacturing	112.0	114.5	115.2	18.1	18.4	18.7	11.2	11.3	12.1
Durable Goods	41.3	42.1	41.6	7.3	7.5	8.0	2.1	2.1	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.8	13.2	13.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.6	16.8	16.6	6.5	6.7	6.7	1.7	1.7	1.8
Other Durable Goods 3/	11.9	12.1	11.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	70.7	72.4	73.6	10.8	10.9	10.7	9.1	9.2	9.9
Food and Kindred Products	9.5	9.9	10.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.9	0.9	1.3
Textile Mill Products	7.8	8.1	7.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.9
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.1	18.7	18.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.7
Leather and Leather Products	20.9	21.2	22.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	(17.3)	(17.5)	(18.6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.2)	(3.2)	(3.3)
All Other	(3.6)	(3.7)	(3.4)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.4	9.5	9.8	4.8	4.9	4.7	2.2	2.3	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	307.5	309.1	311.1	77.2	75.6	75.2	23.3	22.9	23.5
Contract Construction	20.6	21.4	22.0	3.8	4.0	4.0	1.3	1.3	1.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.0	19.2	19.0	5.5	5.5	5.4	1.2	1.2	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	87.8	90.4	90.2	26.4	26.1	24.9	8.3	8.2	8.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	16.9	16.9	16.6	7.8	7.8	7.4	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	79.9	81.5	78.9	20.4	20.3	19.7	7.9	7.7	7.7
Government	83.3	79.7	84.4	13.3	11.9	13.8	3.0	2.9	3.2
Federal	(18.4)	(18.2)	(18.2)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(64.9)	(61.5)	(66.2)	(11.9)	(10.5)	(12.4)	(2.7)	(2.6)	(2.9)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 38. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work

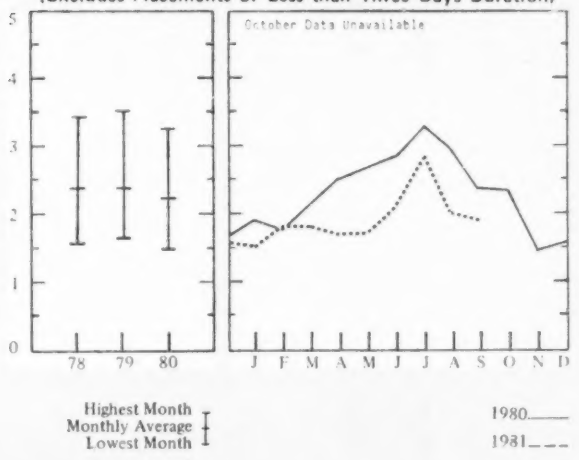
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1980	1979	1978
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$276.89	$276.98	$248.62	40.6	40.2	40.1	$6.82	$6.89	$6.20	$6.00	$5.42	$4.91
Durable Goods	292.73	286.31	264.96	40.6	40.1	40.7	7.21	7.14	6.51	6.27	5.61	5.13
Lumber and Wood Products	264.26	258.13	259.61	39.5	38.7	40.5	6.69	6.67	6.41	6.08	5.49	5.02
Metals and Machinery	271.75	269.20	243.61	40.2	40.0	40.2	6.76	6.73	6.06	5.87	5.27	4.92
Other Durable Goods	353.21	344.82	302.54	42.3	42.0	41.5	8.35	8.21	7.29	7.09	6.26	5.63
Nondurable Goods	266.90	271.22	239.20	40.5	40.3	39.8	6.59	6.73	6.01	5.85	5.31	4.79
Food and Kindred Products	202.29	206.44	184.60	37.6	38.3	36.7	5.38	5.39	5.03	5.01	4.65	4.25
Textile Mill Products	210.01	210.53	196.00	39.7	40.1	40.0	5.29	5.25	4.90	4.79	4.40	4.03
Apparel	192.14	185.60	172.17	37.6	35.9	36.4	5.11	5.17	4.73	4.49	4.15	3.83
Paper and Allied Products	457.43	469.48	402.40	48.1	48.5	46.9	9.51	9.68	8.58	8.31	7.44	6.71
Leather and Leather Products	191.88	180.93	177.51	36.9	35.2	36.6	5.20	5.14	4.85	4.72	4.23	3.88
Other Nondurable Goods	229.68	228.93	205.28	39.6	39.2	39.1	5.80	5.84	5.25	5.23	4.80	4.25
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	264.40	249.66	234.00	40.0	38.0	39.0	6.61	6.57	6.00	5.85	5.32	4.94
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	208.62	209.24	197.08	36.6	37.1	37.9	5.70	5.64	5.20	5.08	4.66	4.18

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	279.9	279.3	253.9	258.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+ 0.2
Percent Change from Last December	+ 8.2
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+10.2

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	496.4	519.9	508.3	467.9	488.5	473.8	28.5	31.4	34.5	5.7	6.0	6.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,300	42,700	41,400	41,100	40,500	38,900	2,200	2,200	2,500	5.1	5.2	6.0
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,200	30,700	30,300	28,300	28,700	28,900	1,900	2,000	2,000	6.3	6.5	6.5
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	36,900	37,700	38,800	34,800	35,000	36,200	2,100	2,700	2,600	5.7	7.2	6.7
Portland SMSA	91,100	90,500	91,800	87,100	86,200	86,600	4,000	4,300	5,200	4.4	4.8	5.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,460	28,690	29,230	26,750	26,890	27,080	1,710	1,800	2,150	6.0	6.3	7.4
Bath-Brunswick	22,670	22,720	21,280	21,650	21,780	20,080	1,020	940	1,200	4.5	4.1	5.6
Belfast	10,070	10,240	10,240	9,340	9,480	9,160	730	760	1,080	7.2	7.4	10.5
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	7,540	8,300	7,390	7,170	7,930	6,880	370	370	510	4.9	4.5	6.9
Calais-Eastport	15,170	15,370	15,630	14,110	14,330	14,280	1,060	1,040	1,350	7.0	6.8	8.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,600	28,360	24,320	18,870	25,900	22,490	1,730	2,460	1,830	8.4	8.7	7.5
Central Penobscot	4,190	4,130	4,540	4,000	3,940	4,320	190	190	220	4.5	4.6	4.8
Dover-Foxcroft	6,730	6,770	6,750	6,480	6,500	6,280	250	270	470	3.7	4.0	7.0
Ellsworth	18,170	19,920	19,690	17,380	19,130	18,450	790	790	1,240	4.3	4.0	6.3
Farmington	12,410	12,880	12,890	11,680	12,130	12,030	730	750	860	5.9	5.8	6.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,150	6,210	4,680	4,730	5,750	4,310	420	460	370	8.2	7.4	7.9
Greenville	1,370	1,390	1,180	1,310	1,320	1,120	60	70	60	4.4	5.0	5.1
Houlton	4,970	7,050	6,190	4,620	6,600	5,670	350	450	520	7.0	6.4	8.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,530	5,480	5,400	5,220	5,210	5,090	310	270	310	5.6	4.9	5.7
Livermore Falls	5,200	5,480	5,250	4,800	4,990	4,800	400	490	450	7.7	8.9	8.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,580	5,310	4,720	4,250	4,910	4,280	330	400	440	7.2	7.5	9.3
Mechanic Falls	2,370	2,880	2,550	2,090	2,630	2,340	280	250	210	11.8	8.7	8.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,860	5,830	6,090	5,630	5,600	5,860	230	230	230	3.9	3.9	3.8
Patten-Island Falls	2,520	3,960	3,340	2,330	3,730	2,990	190	230	350	7.5	5.8	10.5
Rockland	16,460	16,900	16,720	15,690	16,090	15,420	770	810	1,300	4.7	4.8	7.8
Rumford	20,320	21,030	21,580	18,910	19,480	19,910	1,410	1,550	1,670	6.9	7.4	7.7
Sebago Lake Region	10,510	11,240	10,770	9,910	10,610	9,890	600	630	880	5.7	5.6	8.2
Skowhegan	18,910	19,630	19,330	16,910	17,170	17,630	2,000	2,460	1,700	10.6	12.5	8.8
Kittery-York	16,940	19,790	17,060	16,490	19,270	16,550	450	520	510	2.7	2.6	3.0
Southwest Penobscot	7,040	7,020	7,050	6,410	6,440	6,150	630	580	900	8.9	8.3	12.8
Waterville	21,280	21,770	21,550	19,900	20,340	20,220	1,380	1,430	1,330	6.5	6.6	6.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,593.2	1,609.7	n/a	1,497.1	1,521.7	n/a	96.1	88.0	n/a	6.0	5.5
Massachusetts	3,043.0	2,950.0	2,965.0	2,831.0	2,757.0	2,798.0	212.0	193.0	167.0	7.0	6.5	5.6
New Hampshire	468.8	476.1	463.9	447.7	454.4	443.0	21.1	21.7	20.9	4.5	4.6	4.5
Rhode Island	469.0	468.3	462.9	439.6	438.3	435.5	29.4	30.0	27.4	6.3	6.4	5.9
Vermont	243.8	241.3	249.5	232.4	230.4	234.7	11.4	10.9	14.8	4.7	4.5	5.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,728.9	5,751.0	n/a	5,377.2	5,432.9	n/a	351.7	318.1	n/a	6.1	5.5
UNITED STATES 3/	106,926	105,964	105,415	98,902	98,277	97,933	8,024	7,687	7,482	7.5	7.3	7.1

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	10,780	10,953	11,142	1,317	1,409	1,672	764	845	847
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.7	2.7	2.7	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

THE TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT (TJTC) PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE NEWEST AND MOST EXCITING JOB SERVICE PLACEMENT PROGRAMS. THE PROGRAM OFFERS TAX CREDITS TO PRIVATE EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE WORKERS FROM SPECIFIC, TARGETED GROUPS. INITIATED IN MARCH OF 1979, THIS LEGISLATION WAS ENACTED ON AUGUST 13, 1981, WHEN THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY TAX ACT, WHICH INCLUDED TJTC. CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION HAS ALREADY BEEN PASSED EXTENDING THE PROGRAM THROUGH DECEMBER 1982. THE REENACTMENT LEGISLATION ALSO CONTAINED ADDITIONS TO THE TARGETED GROUPS, AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS.

EXTENSION OF TJTC MEANS THE CONTINUATION OF A TWOFOLD BENEFIT PROGRAM: A TAX CREDIT TO EMPLOYERS FOR EACH TARGETED WORKER HIRED DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT, AND A DECREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN THOSE GROUPS WHOSE MEMBERS TRADITIONALLY HAVE DIFFICULTY FINDING JOBS.

TARGETED GROUPS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM ARE:

- ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTH 18 TO 24 YEARS
- ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS
- ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED EX-OFFENDERS HIRED WITHIN 5 YEARS OF RELEASE FROM PRISON, (OR DATE OF CONVICTION, WHICHEVER IS LATER)
- YOUTH, 16 TO 19 YEARS OLD, PARTICIPATING IN COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CLIENTS
- SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) RECIPIENTS
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